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One of the principal causes of the low yield of sesame is the loss of a high percentage of the seed in the harvest as a consequence of the dehiscence of the fruit. There is in this study an exploration of the possibility of increasing the yield of the indehiscent mutant, until now of little commercial utility, by taking advantage of the hybrid vigor in crosses between indehiscent varieties. With this goal in mind, a complete diallel was evaluated among eight varieties of sesame, six of them indehiscent, in Guayabita, Edo. Aragua, in 1988. A partial diallel (8 x 5) was planted in the same locality in 1989. It was possible to detect a notable hybrid vigor in the harvest. Larger values for heterosis were found in the cross between indehiscent varieties, but the hybrids with the best absolute yield resulted from certain combinations of the indehiscent x dehiscent varieties. The heterosis and high specific combinatorial capacity of some indehiscent hybrid varieties, with a yield as large or larger than that of the most common commercial varieties, indicate that this would be a promising approach in a program for the genetic improvement of sesame, for the purpose of overcoming the loss of seed in the harvest without

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sacrificing productivity.

## INTRODUCTION

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One of the principal causes of the low yield of sesame on the world level, especially where harvesting is mechanized, as in Venezuela, is constituted by the loss of a high percentage of the seed as a result of the dehiscence of the fruit (8).

The most promising way to overcome this limitation appears to be the utilization of the indehiscent mutant, which is recessive (6). But this mutant presents collateral effects, such as the bunching of the leaves, enascence in leaves and flowers, low fertility, curvature in the stalk; some of these drastically reduce the yield, preventing its commercial use.

In this study, there is an exploration of the possibility of improving the yield of the indehiscent varieties by taking advantage of the vigor which could be produced by crossing the indehiscent genotypes. It is possible that by this means hybrids could be obtained with capsules which do not open on maturity and with yields similar to those commercial varieties most commonly used.

Various experiments were carried out with sesame which exhibit the manifestation of heterosis in the  $F_1$  of the cross between dehiscent materials (1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15). Only NAFIE (10) indicates the presence of hybrid vigor on crossing indehiscent materials.

By means of the present investigation, an attempt is made to evaluate not only the presence of heterosis in the cross between

indehiscent varieties and its behavior in relation to commercial controls, but also the importance of the effects of the general and specific combinatorial capacity via the analysis of a diallelic cross between eight varieties of sesame, six of them indehiscent and two dehiscent.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The varieties selected as fathers are the following: a) 'UCR-82-202' and 'Fonalí III', which have a very conspicuous manifestation of the bunching of the leaves and of enascence in leaves and flowers, characteristics associated with indehiscence; 'UCR-82-13', 'Fonalí IV', '452(ASPA)' and 'Morada indehiscente' [Indehiscent Violet] with an intermediate manifestation of those characters associated with indehiscence and with capsules slightly open at maturity; c) 'Inamar' and 'Aceitera' [Oil Jar], which are commercially cultivated deshiscent varieties.

From this point onward, those varieties included in the present study shall be identified in the following manner: 452 ASPA: 1; UCR 82-202: 2; Morada id.: 3; Fonalí IV: 4; Fonalí III: 5; Aceitera: 6; Inamar: 7 and UCR 82-13: 8.

These materials were planted in August, 1987, to make the crossing simple, without reciprocals among any of them, thus resulting in 28 simple hybrids.

The 28 hybrids of  $F_1$  and the fathers were planted in the MAVESA experimental parcel in Guayabita, Edo. Aragua, Venezuela, in the period of February-June, 1988 and 1989. The second of these trials was then carried out to establish, unsuccessfully,

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two experiments in Turén, Edo. Portuguesa, a zone where sesame is planted commercially.

The tests were carried out according to a random design with complete blocks, with a first run of 36 treatments and a second of 28 treatments, both with three repetitions. The number of treatments in the second run was lower due to the total loss of the seed of some of the hybrids in the sterile plantings of Portuguesa. Each parcel was formed by a row, three meters wide, with an average of 20 plants per meter. A row without planting was left between parcels to eliminate the effect of competition between distinct cultivations.

The measurements were made: a) days until florescence, when 50% of the plants in the parcel exhibited flowers (DF); b) height of the first node with fruit, in centimeters (AF); c) height of the plant in centimeters (AP); d) number of fruits per plant (NFP); e) average yield of seed from 10 fruits, taken from the middle third of each plant measured (R10F); f) average weight of 10 seeds, taken at random from the total produced in the parcel (PMS); g) yield of 10 plants in grams of seed per parcel (RP).

Observations b, c, d, e were made on ten plants, with complete competition between each parcel.

The variance analysis of the design with complete blocks was carried out at random with the data of  $F_1$  for the two periods separately, by breaking down the source of genotypic variation into the following effects: fathers, crosses and father vs. crosses.

The plan for the analysis of variance is the following:

| F.V.               | g.1<br>(1) | g.2<br>(2) | C.M.     | C.M.E.                                |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Repetitions        | 2          | 2          |          |                                       |
| Genotypes          | 35         | 27         | $M_2$    | $\sigma^2E + r(a - 1)\Sigma V_i^{2*}$ |
| Fathers (P)        | 7          | 7          | $M_{21}$ |                                       |
| Crosses (C)        | 27         | 19         | $M_{22}$ |                                       |
| P vs. C            | 1          | 1          | $M_{23}$ |                                       |
| Experimental error | 70         | 54         | $M_1$    | $\sigma^2E$                           |
| Total              | 107        | 83         |          |                                       |

(1) Test, 1988      (2) Test, 1989  
 r = 3; a = 36 (first test); a = 28 (2nd test).

For the first period, the estimations of the effects of /194  
 general combinatorial capacity (CCG) and of specific  
 combinatorial capacity (CCE) were obtained by means of diallelic  
 analysis of the data using method 2, model 1 of GRIFFING (4),  
 since they included the fathers and the crosses without  
 reciprocals, considering the varieties as a fixed sample.

The ANAVAR plan was the following:

| F.V.  | g.1. | C.M.E.                                    |
|-------|------|---|
| CCG   | 7    | $\sigma^2E + 10/7 \Sigma g_i^2$           |
| CCE   | 28   | $\sigma^2E + 2/56 \Sigma \Sigma S^2_{ij}$ |
| Error | 70   | $\sigma^2E$                               |

In the second period, due to the loss of the seed from the  
 hybrids during the planting of the two sterile tests in Turén  
 Edo. Portuguesa, it was necessary to plant a partial diallel in  
 Guayabita, which included 20 hybrids and 8 fathers.

The materials included in this test were chosen according to the methodology of KEMPTHORNE and CURNOW (5). Determined for that purpose was a value of  $k = (p + 1 - s)/2$ , where  $p$  is the number of fathers of the diallel and  $s$  is the number of crosses carried out with each father. In this case,  $p = 8$  and  $s = 5$ , for which  $k = 2$ , the hybrids being included in the following partial diallels:

|       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 x 2 | 2 x 4 | 3 x 5 | 4 x 6 | 5 x 7 | 6 x 8 |
| 1 x 4 | 2 x 5 | 3 x 6 | 4 x 7 | 5 x 8 |       |
| 1 x 5 | 2 x 6 | 3 x 7 | 4 x 8 |       |       |
| 1 x 6 | 2 x 7 | 3 x 8 |       |       |       |
| 1 x 7 | 2 x 8 |       |       |       |       |

The plan for the variance analysis was kept equal to the complete diallel, by varying only those degrees of freedom of each source of variation relative to the number of materials included in the analysis.

Heterosis was varied by the deviation of  $F_1$  relative to the average of the fathers. To determine significant values for heterosis, a  $t$  test was carried out as follows:

$$t = \frac{F_1 - (P_1 + P_2)/2}{(3\sigma^2E/2r)^{1/2}}$$

Heterosis was also evaluated as the deviation of  $F_1$  relative to the best of the fathers of the cross.



**Variance analysis of fathers and crosses**

The genotypes were significantly different for all the varieties studied in both tests (complete diallel 8 x 8 and partial diallel 8 x 5) according to Tables 1 and 2, respectively. In the complete diallel, there were different levels of significance between fathers and between crosses in all the variables, whereas in the partial diallel only PMS and R10P were not significant for these sources of variation. The fathers vs. crosses contrast was significant in variables PMS, R10F, R10P and RP in the 8 x 8 diallel, and in AF, R10F, R10P and RP in the partial diallel. It can be observed in Table 3 that, in the yield variables, the crosses were on the average superior to the fathers in a conspicuous manner, especially in the partial diallel.

**Mean tests and heterosis**

Tables 4 and 5 show the tests of means according to Tukey and the significant values for heterosis above the mean for the fathers ( $h_1$ ), and above the best father ( $h_2$ ) for the variable R10P in the 8 x 8 and 8 x 5 diallels, respectively. The formation of numerous groups took place in the 8 x 8 diallel, distinguishing the indehiscent hybrid Fonali IV x UCR 82-13, which was superior to both commercial varieties used as controls and various ones among the hybrids between dehiscent and indehiscent. The indehiscent Morada id hybrids with 452 (ASPA, UCR 82-202, UCR 82-13 and Fonali III were situated in the same

group of averages as the commercial varieties. All these hybrids displayed significant heterosis above the average of the fathers and above the best of the fathers, reaching values as high as 339%.

In the 8 x 5 diallel, where there were no significant differences between crosses for the variable R10P, only three groups were formed. The hybrids between the indehiscent varieties Morada id x Fonali III, UCE 82-202 x Fonali IV and Fonali IV x UCR 82-13 were located in the same group of means as the commercial varieties, but with absolute yields that were somewhat greater. Only the indehiscent hybrid Morada id x Fonali III presented elevated heterosis values. It is necessary to point out that all the crosses of Inamar included in the diallel occupied the first places and displayed high heterosis quite superior to the commercial varieties.

As for the yield per parcel (RP), the hybrids of the dehiscent type occupied the first positions, followed by the commercial varieties and certain hybrids between indehiscent varieties (Tables 6 and 7). The worst yields corresponded, as anticipated, to the indehiscent varieties and certain of their hybrids. In the 8 x 8 diallel, the prominent indehiscent hybrids

TABLE 1: Averages of the variance analyses of fathers and crosses for those variables analyses in the 8 x 8 diallel. Year 1988. /196

| F.V.        | gl | AP         | AF         | DF      | NFP      | PMS    | R10F   | R10P        | RP           |
|-------------|----|------------|------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| Rep         | 2  | 168,30     | 9,13       | 13,87** | 9,43     | 0,03   | 0,12   | 113,71      | 54 606,78    |
| Genotypes*  | 35 | 2 010,92** | 1 085,62** | 35,08** | 604,49** | 0,34** | 0,76** | 4 088,16**  | 111 363,64** |
| Fathers (P) | 7  | 2 693,08** | 1 325,80** | 64,93** | 730,55*  | 0,75** | 1,03** | 3 151,55**  | 94 428,65**  |
| Crosses (C) | 27 | 1 906,94** | 1 062,49** | 28,26** | 579,12** | 0,22** | 4,41** | 3 344,17**  | 94 270,80**  |
| P vs. C     | 1  | 38,66      | 12,52      | 10,42   | 409,80   | 0,78** | 8,48** | 30 745,58** | 691 002,09** |
| Error       | 68 | 106,00     | 19,23      | 1,85    | 259,40   | 0,02   | 0,09   | 959,06      | 18 502,38    |
| CV (%)      |    | 7,41       | 9,37       | 3,24    | 23,24    | 4,06   | 13,43  | 31,00       | 30,59        |

\* P < 0.05

\*\* P < 0.01

AP=Height of plants  
AF=Height to the  
first node with fruit

DE=Days until  
NFP=Number of  
per plant

flowering

PMS=Weight of one thousand seeds  
R10F=Yield of seed from 10 plants  
from 10 fruits

R10P=Yield of seed  
from 10 plants

RP = Yield per parcel

**TABLE 2: Averages of the variance analyses of fathers and crosses for those variables analyses in the 8 x 5 diallel. year 1989.**

| F.V.        | g <sup>1</sup> | AP         | AF         | DF      | NFP        | PMS      | R10F     | R10P       | RP          |
|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Rep         | 2              | 4 325,37** | 839,61**   | 17,33** | 1 179,36** | 0,0563   | 0,112    | 1 746,58*  | 11 987,72** |
| Genotypes   | 27             | 624,62**   | 528,54**   | 45,31** | 91,38*     | 0,2212** | 0,4942** | 532,60*    | 17 578,31** |
| Fathers (P) | 7              | 1 037,00** | 1 811,68** | 65,47** | 126,67*    | 0,5203** | 0,8650** | 335,50     | 12 292,47*  |
| Crosses (C) | 19             | 502,00**   | 438,56**   | 40,23** | 83,07*     | 0,1223   | 0,2756** | 460,59     | 15 875,09** |
| P vs. C     | 1              | 67,66      | 254,65*    | 0,90    | 2,10       | 0,0509   | 2,0509** | 3 280,48** | 86 925,03** |
| Error       | 54             | 61,48      | 38,06      | 1,86    | 40,68      | 0,0711   | 0,0746   | 279,15     | 4 701,38    |
| CV (%)      | 7,33           | 15,81      | 4,07       | 14,46   | 8,18       | 14,52    | 31,00    | 29,59      |             |

\*  $P < 0.05$

| AP=Height of plants                    | DE=Days until flowering       | PMS=Weight of one thousand seeds  | R1P=Yield of seed from 10 plants |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AF=Height to the first node with fruit | NFP=Number of fruit per plant | R10F=Yield of seed from 10 fruits | RP=Yield per parcel              |

TABLE 3: Comparison of the average values for fathers and crosses in both diallelic tests, for those characteristics in which the fathers vs. crosses contrast was significant.

|                 | 8 x 8 Diallel |             |                             |             | 8 x 5 Diallel |                             |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
|                 | $\bar{x}_p$   | $\bar{x}_c$ | $(\bar{x}_c/\bar{x}_p) - 1$ | $\bar{x}_p$ | $\bar{x}_c$   | $(\bar{x}_c/\bar{x}_p) - 1$ |
| AF              | -             | -           | -                           | 36.27       | 79.63         | 1.19                        |
| PMS             | 3.41          | 3.62        | 0.06                        | -           | -             | -                           |
| R10F            | 1.71          | 2.39        | 0.40                        | 1.63        | 3.96          | 1.42                        |
| R10F            | 68.44         | 109.19      | 0.60                        | 44.25       | 116.16        | 1.62                        |
| RP              | 295.71        | 485.85      | 0.64                        | 180.87      | 504.16        | 1.78                        |
| $\bar{\bar{x}}$ | 0.43          |             |                             |             |               |                             |
|                 | 1.50          |             |                             |             |               |                             |

$\bar{x}_p$  = Average for all fathers

$\bar{x}_c$  = Average for all crosses

**TABLE 4: Test of means according to Tukey and significant values /199 of heterosis (in percentages) for the yield variable of 10 plants (R10P) and in the 8 x 8 diallel.**

| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group  | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| 7 x 8    | 174.00   | A      | 74**  | 63**  |
| 2 x 6    | 166.33   | AB     | 77**  | 59**  |
| 4 x 8    | 151.07   | ABCD   | 106** | 61**  |
| 4 x 6    | 139.50   | ABCD   | 78**  |       |
| 5 x 7    | 131.67   | ABCD   | 80**  |       |
| 1 x 6    | 135.00   | ABCDE  | 98**  |       |
| 5 x 6    | 131.00   | ABCDE  | 73**  |       |
| 1 x 3    | 129.59   | ABCDEF | 339** | 305** |
| 4 x 7    | 128.93   | ABCDEF | 62**  |       |
| 2 x 7    | 128.19   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 2 x 3    | 120.81   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 3 x 7    | 115.67   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 3 x 6    | 114.63   | ABCDEF | 74*   |       |
| 3 x 8    | 112.00   | ABCDEF | 85*   |       |
| 6 x 8    | 111.63   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 1 x 7    | 109.19   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 3 x 5    | 108.15   | ABCDEF | 191** | 130** |
| 7        | 106.67   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 6        | 104.33   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 6 x 7    | 104.33   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 2 x 4    | 103.67   | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 1 x 4    | 101.52   | ABCDEF | 104** | 93**  |
| 8        | 93.81    | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 2 x 8    | 90.67    | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 3 x 4    | 84.00    | ABCDEF | 110** |       |
| 2        | 83.74    | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 2 x 5    | 75.67    | ABCDEF |       |       |
| 5 x 8    | 69.00    | BCDEF  |       |       |
| 4 x 5    | 65.00    | BCDEF  |       |       |
| 1 x 2    | 59.33    | CDEF   |       |       |
| 4        | 52.67    | DEF    |       |       |
| 5        | 47.00    | DEF    |       |       |
| 1 x 8    | 46.33    | DEF    |       |       |
| 1 x 5    | 43.33    | DEF    |       |       |

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| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1        | 32.00    | EF    |       |       |
| 3        | 27.33    | F     |       |       |

MDS = 101.74

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1 = 452 ASPA   | 5 = Fonali III |
| 2 = UCR 82-202 | 6 = Aceitera   |
| 3 = Morada id  | 7 = Inamar     |
| 4 = Fonali IV  | 8 = UCR 82-13  |

$h_1$  = heterosis in excess of the average of the fathers  
 $h_2$  = heterosis in excess of the best father

**TABLE 5: Test of means according to Tukey and significant values of heterosis (in percentages) for the yield variable of 10 plants (R10P) and in the 8 x 5 diallel.**

| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2 x 7    | 85.67    | A     | 75**  | 61**  |
| 1 x 7    | 75.00    | AB    | 62**  | 56**  |
| 5 x 7    | 70.33    | AB    | 74**  | 57**  |
| 4 x 7    | 66.67    | AB    | 77**  | 49**  |
| 3 x 7    | 66.67    | AB    | 77**  | 49**  |
| 6 x 8    | 63.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 3 x 6    | 61.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 3 x 5    | 61.33    | AB    | 84**  | 69**  |
| 2 x 4    | 61.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 1 x 6    | 60.00    | AB    |       |       |
| 6        | 58.00    | AB    |       |       |
| 4 x 8    | 58.00    | AB    |       |       |
| 1 x 5    | 56.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 4 x 6    | 56.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 2 x 5    | 55.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 3 x 8    | 53.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 2        | 53.33    | AB    |       |       |

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| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 8        | 52.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 2 x 8    | 48.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 1        | 48.00    | AB    |       |       |
| 7        | 44.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 2 x 6    | 42.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 1 x 4    | 42.67    | AB    |       |       |
| 1 x 3    | 42.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 5        | 36.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 5 x 8    | 32.33    | AB    |       |       |
| 3        | 30.67    | B     |       |       |
| 4        | 30.67    | B     |       |       |

MDS = 54.04

1 = 452 ASPA                      5 = Fonalií III  
 2 = UCR 82-202                  6 = Aceitera  
 3 = Morada id                    7 = Inamar  
 4 = Fonalií IV                    8 = UCR 82-13

$h_1$  = heterosis in excess of the average of the fathers  
 $h_2$  = heterosis in excess of the best father

**TABLE 6: Test of means according to Tukey and significant values of heterosis (in percentages) for the yield per parcel (RP) and in the 8 x 8 diallel.**

| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 7 x 8    | 888.88   | A     | 100** | 60**  |
| 4 x 7    | 733.90   | AB    | 99**  | 37**  |
| 6 x 7    | 688.60   | ABC   |       |       |
| 2 x 6    | 686.60   | ABC   | 67**  |       |
| 3 x 6    | 670.70   | ABC   | 112** |       |
| 3 x 7    | 652.00   | ABC   | 104** |       |
| 4 x 6    | 649.90   | ABCD  | 73**  |       |
| 5 x 7    | 629.70   | ABCD  | 53**  |       |
| 1 x 6    | 628.00   | ABCD  | 98**  |       |

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| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5 x 6    | 619.80   | ABCD  | 52**  | 76**  |
| 4 x 8    | 582.20   | ABCD  | 120** |       |
| 6 x 8    | 558.60   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 7        | 555.60   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 2 x 7    | 548.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 6        | 536.80   | ABCDE |       |       |
| 3 x 5    | 426.70   | BCDE  | 139** |       |
| 1 x 7    | 408.90   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 2 x 8    | 393.80   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 2 x 3    | 393.50   | BCDE  | 111** |       |
| 4 x 5    | 358.50   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 3 x 8    | 386.50   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 1 x 4    | 355.40   | BCDE  | 139** |       |
| 3 x 4    | 347.20   | BCDE  | 145** |       |
| 2 x 4    | 338.50   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 8        | 331.70   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 1 x 3    | 330.60   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 2 x 5    | 314.00   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 2        | 287.20   | BCDE  |       |       |
| 1 x 2    | 273.60   | CDE   |       |       |
| 5 x 3    | 273.60   | CDE   |       |       |
| 5        | 272.00   | CDE   |       |       |
| 1 x 8    | 263.20   | CDE   |       |       |
| 4        | 199.30   | DE    |       |       |
| 1 x 5    | 182.70   | DE    |       |       |
| 1        | 97.90    | E     |       |       |
| 3        | 85.20    | E     |       |       |

MDS = 446.86

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1 = 452 ASPA   | 5 = Fonalí III |
| 2 = UCR 82-202 | 6 = Aceitera   |
| 3 = Morada id  | 7 = Inamar     |
| 4 = Fonalí IV  | 8 = UCR 82-13  |

 $h_1$  = heterosis in excess of the average of the fathers $h_2$  = heterosis in excess of the best father

**TABLE 7: Test of means according to Tukey and significant values of heterosis (in percentages) for the yield per parcel (RP) and in the 8 x 8 diallel.**

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| Genotype | Mean (g) | Group | $h_1$ | $h_2$ |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2 x 7    | 377.67   | A     | 86**  | 68**  |
| 5 x 7    | 359.33   | A     | 123** | 60**  |
| 3 x 7    | 327.00   | AB    | 111** | 46**  |
| 4 x 7    | 325.67   | AB    | 54**  | 46**  |
| 3 x 6    | 325.33   | AB    | 81**  |       |
| 2 x 6    | 316.00   | ABC   |       |       |
| 4 x 6    | 297.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 6 x 8    | 283.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 6        | 274.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1 x 7    | 268.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 3 x 8    | 250.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1 x 5    | 238.30   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1 x 6    | 225.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 7        | 224.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 4 x 8    | 221.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 8        | 217.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 4        | 200.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 2 x 4    | 200.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1 x 3    | 199.33   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1 x 4    | 195.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 2        | 182.33   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 3 x 5    | 182.00   | ABCD  | 100** | 88**  |
| 2 x 5    | 177.33   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 1        | 167.00   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 2 x 8    | 163.67   | ABCD  |       |       |
| 5 x 8    | 108.33   | BCD   |       |       |
| 5        | 97.00    | CD    |       |       |
| 3        | 85.00    | D     |       |       |

MDS = 221.80

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1 = 452 ASPA   | 5 = Fonali III |
| 2 = UCR 82-202 | 6 = Aceitera   |
| 3 = Morada id  | 7 = Inamar     |
| 4 = Fonali IV  | 8 = UCR 82-13  |

$h_1$  = heterosis in excess of the average of the fathers  
 $h_2$  = heterosis in excess of the best father

were Fonali IV x UCR 82-13, Morada id x Fonali III and in the /204  
8 x 5 diallel, Morada id x UCR 82-13 and 452 ASPA x Fonali III,  
whose behavior was found to be similar to that of the commercial  
varieties. In the 8 x 8 diallel, there were six hybrids which  
showed significant heterosis, although only the two mentioned  
above were found to behave in a manner similar to the  
controls. In the 8 x 5 diallel, only one indehiscent hybrid  
exhibited significant heterosis, but its yield is not of interest  
for the purposes sought.

There was in both tests a considerable number of hybrids of  
the indehiscent x dehiscent type, which occupied the first places  
in yield per parcel and showed significant heterosis. Although  
the original purpose of this study was not to identify  
conspicuous dehiscent hybrid combinations, it is however possible  
to indicate certain crosses of Inamar with varieties having  
indehiscent capsules which could serve as a point of departure in  
a program for the development of hybrids where there are no  
restrictions relative to the opening of the capsule.

Preference was given to the designing of squares where the  
heterosis values appear together with the tests of means for the  
purpose of visualizing those combinations which not only exhibit  
heterosis, but do so with yields comparable to the commercial  
controls.

It is necessary to indicate that the behavior of the  
indehiscent hybrids is not so pronounced, when the yield per  
parcel is considered in terms of the yield from 10 plants.

Nevertheless, in the case of both yield variables, indehiscent hybrids appear to have a yield similar to that of the commercial varieties. This suggests that the commercial utilization of the indehiscence of indehiscent varieties would be advantageous. One of the combinations which should be tested is that of Fonali x UCR 82-13.

#### **Variance analysis of the 8 x 8 and 8 x 5 diallels**

In the variance analysis of the 8 x 8 diallel, planted in 1988, significant differences were detected for all the variables relating to combinatorial capacity (CCG) and specific combinatorial capacity (CCE) (Table 8). Significant differences were found in the other diallel for the variables AP, DF, R10F and RP (Table 9). In both tests, those additive genetic effects associated with the CCG as well as the nonadditive effects (dominance and epistasis), associated with the CCF, were of importance particularly for the yield.

#### **Estimates of the effects of combinatorial capacity**

Presented in Tables 10 and 11 are the effects for CCG for all the variables in both tests. In general, it can be noted that the indehiscent fathers

**TABLE 8: Averages of the variance analysis of the 8 x 8 diallel. 1988.** /205

| F.V.  | gl | AP        | AF        | DF      | NFP       | PMS   | R10F  | R10P      | RP          |
|-------|----|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| CCG   | 7  | 9,081.75" | 4,951.30" | 151.24" | 1,118.92" | 1.45' | 1.69" | 7,345.64" | 348,251.06" |
| CCE   | 28 | 244.58'   | 140.07"   | 6.03"   | 475.81"   | 0.07" | 0.54" | 3,272.53" | 52,688.26"  |
| Error | 70 | 103.14    | 18.78     | 1.80    | 252.04    | 0.02  | 0.01  | 931.61    | 17,974.98   |

\* P < 0.05      \*\* P < 0.01

**TABLE 9: Averages of the variance analysis of the 8 x 58 diallel. 1989.**

| F.V.  | gl | AP        | AF        | DF      | NFP        | PMS     | R10F    | R10P    | RP         |
|-------|----|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| CCG   | 7  | 2,114.99" | 1,913.12" | 156.56" | 15,279.19" | 0.6378' | 1.1842" | 478.40  | 30,572.38" |
| CCE   | 28 | 107.31    | 44.66     | 5.60"   | 7,173.44   | 0.0774  | 0.2525" | 494.28' | 11,779.10" |
| Error | 54 | 60.08     | 37.3      | 1.68    | 4,312.91   | 0.0710  | 0.0746  | 265.25  | 4,773.33   |

\* P < 0.05      \*\* P < 0.01

TABLE 10: Estimates of the effects of the general combinatorial capacity ( $g_i$ ) for those variables analyzed in the 8 x 8 diallel. 1988. /206

| Effects      | AP      | AF      | DF     | NFP     | R10F   | R10P    | PMS    | RP       |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| $g_1$        | -23.65' | -14.43" | -3.45" | -10.52" | -0.20" | -21.17" | 0.12"  | -136.32" |
| $g_2$        | -16.82" | -11.28" | -1.61" | -0.86   | 0.08   | 1.22    | 0.09"  | -47.85"  |
| $g_3$        | -23.36" | 18.25"  | 3.17"  | 7.70"   | -0.31" | 6.53'   | -0.42" | -59.84"  |
| $g_4$        | 14.53"  | 1.33'   | 0.82"  | -1.98   | -0.06  | -2.09   | -0.50" | 20.62    |
| $g_5$        | -6.11"  | 6.92"   | -0.65" | -1.13   | 0.20"  | -17.52" | 0.23"  | -62.35"  |
| $g_6$        | 12.15"  | -0.17   | -0.01  | 8.79"   | 0.24"  | 21.11"  | -0.22" | 164.85"  |
| $g_7$        | 11.11"  | 19.84"  | 2.89"  | 0.73    | 0.38"  | 21.23"  | 0.12"  | 157.61"  |
| $g_8$        | -14.56" | -6.92"  | -1.17" | -2.73   | 0.07   | 3.75    | 0.13"  | 4.42     |
| DE ( $g_i$ ) | 1.73    | 0.74    | 0.22   | 2.71    | 0.05   | 2.94    | 0.02   | 22.90    |

1 = 452 ASPA      3 = Morada id      5 = Fonali III      7 = Inamar  
2 = UCR 82-202      4 = Fonali IV      6 = Aceitera      8 = UCR 82-13

TABLE 11: Estimates of the effects of the general combinatorial capacity ( $g_i$ ) for those variables analyzed in the 8 x 5 diallel. 1989. /207

| Effects      | AP      | AF      | DF     | NFP    | R10F   | R10P   | PMS    | RP     |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $g_1$        | -19.40" | -11.07" | -4.61" | -5.32" | -0.15" | -2.13  | -0.01  | -38.50 |
| $g_2$        | -10.07" | -8.54"  | -2.05" | 2.52   | -0.00  | 1.12   | 0.02   | -16.63 |
| $g_3$        | 11.99"  | 11.66"  | 2.72"  | 1.87   | -0.10  | -4.63  | -0.26" | -20.36 |
| $g_4$        | 8.90"   | 0.38    | 1.43'  | 1.66   | 0.05   | -5.59  | 0.09   | -13.24 |
| $g_5$        | -1.52   | -4.80'  | -0.39  | 3.26   | -0.37  | -4.67  | 0.19'  | -45.23 |
| $g_6$        | 5.33    | 2.95    | -0.56  | 0.92   | 0.20   | 3.67   | -0.16  | 66.06' |
| $g_7$        | 14.71"  | 19.91"  | -5.75" | -0.81  | 0.46"  | 15.04* | -0.11  | 95.84" |
| $g_8$        | -9.94"  | -10.49" | -2.27" | -0.48  | -0.10  | -2.75  | 0.24'  | -27.92 |
| DE ( $g_i$ ) | 3.78    | 2.44    | 0.86   | 3.09   | 0.18   | 8.12   | 0.16   | 39.67  |

1 = 452 ASPA                      3 = Morada id                      5 = Fonali III                      7 = Inamar  
2 = UCR 82-202                      4 = Fonali IV                      6 = Aceitera                      8 = UCR 82-13

contributed with negative additive genetic effects to the yield and its components. The dehiscent fathers, Inamar and Aceitera, presented the highest positive values of CCG in both diallels. /208

If the absence of the correlation between percentages of capsule opening and yield per plant is confirmed in the field, indicated by DELGADO (2) for umbracular conditions, it would be possible to initiate, with improved likelihood of success, a plan for the improvement of the indehiscent variety via selection, starting with a base population including at least Inamar and Aceitera as varieties which provide additive genetic effects, as well as the improved indehiscent varieties detected in this study. The purpose of such a program should be to effect the simultaneous selection of the variety simultaneously exhibiting the best yield and the smallest percentage of opening. Although the values of the effects of specific combinatorial capacity are not presented, it is possible to indicate that there are many of them which are significant and positive, corresponding to those crosses showing elevated levels of heterosis.

It can be concluded that the nonadditive genetic effects were of great importance in the expression of the yield and its components, since, though all the indehiscent varieties presented negative CCG effects, specific combinations did produce hybrids of  $F_1$  of high yield.



## FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

As indicated when commenting on the mean test tables and heterotic values, it was possible in this study to detect a notable hybrid vigor in the yield, both in the comparison of the average for the crosses with the average for the fathers, as well as certain specific crosses. The best values for heterosis are found in the cross between indehiscent varieties, but the best hybrids in terms of absolute yield originated from certain combinations of the dehiscent and indehiscent type.

The heterosis and high specific combinatorial capacity of certain indehiscent hybrids indicate the feasibility of obtaining closed-capsule hybrids as productive, or more productive, than the most common commercial varieties.

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